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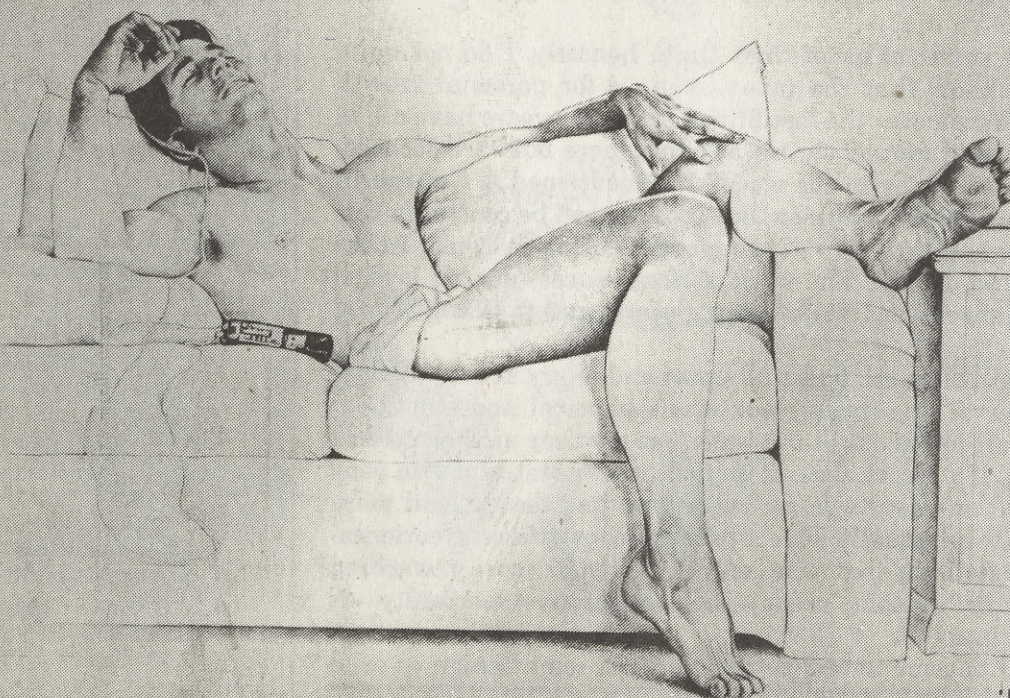
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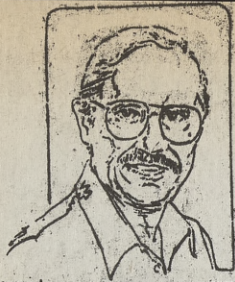
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and there is more...

by Ralph Walker

I keep seeing requests in this paper for someone to write a column on "ageing." And, I'm surely the oldest person writing regularly for PATLAR. You see, I had to start withdrawing from my IRA this year, for I reached 70 1/2 years. Yet, I do not feel I'm the one to write regularly on this topic, for my "problem" with that is that I have not "aged" in the conventional sense, but rather, have "gotten better."

Oh, I do not mean to say that my body is what it was at 21, or at 45 (when it was at its best, by the way, for I'd taken up body building early in that decade), but it is presentable. Or, at least, I find it attractive--and when I do not, I start doing some exercises again to restore muscle tone and energy.

My sex drive is less than it once was; I no longer feel deprived if a day goes by in which I do not make love, as I did until my mid-sixties. But, that's just as well, for my beloved Patrick is not a once-a-day man.

I'm a bit forgetful at times, but for much of what I fault myself for not remembering, I recognize that I didn't do so well remembering even twenty or thirty years ago. But, I find way to make adjustment around those occasional lapses.

Best of all, I think I enjoy life more, take greater pleasure in simple things, "pay attention" more closely to all kinds of things--from my (tiny) portfolio to the changing conditions in Eastern Europe. And, particularly, I pay more attention--and more caring, concerned, considerate attention--to others. Friends, of course, whom I value more highly now than ever before in my life, but even casual acquaintances and occasional contacts. I am simply "nice" to the girl at the checkout in the supermarket, the clerks in the post office, the plumber who comes to fix the sink. I feel good about myself, and out of that sense of personal goodness and worth, I share . . . I give out to the world some of the love and respect that is growing in me in these later years.

What is the secret of all of this? Quite honestly, I do not quite know, but I do know that the many avenues for personal growth which I have pursued over the last fifteen or twenty years have all, in one way or another, moved me toward this more outward focused, other-caring way of being in the world. I've mentioned **A Course in Miracles** here on several occasion, but it could well be central in this new perspective and new way of being/experiencing in which I take such pleasure and delight. The work of "forgiveness" and on love as one's "natural inheritance" make for a glowing and fulfilling way of living.

What is there, after all, to get all upset and angry about? What is there that is worth disrupting your whole physical and emotional system for? "It all comes out in the wash," as my dear mother used to say. And it does! If you look back at any of those "worst times" in your life, they turned out not to be as bad as you had feared, and more often than not, they actually were a preface to, or a forced reorientation toward, something that was new or better or more rewarding than what was before that "crisis"--the "dangerous opportunity" as the Chinese calligraph it.

It is helpful to come to realize that there is some benign or even

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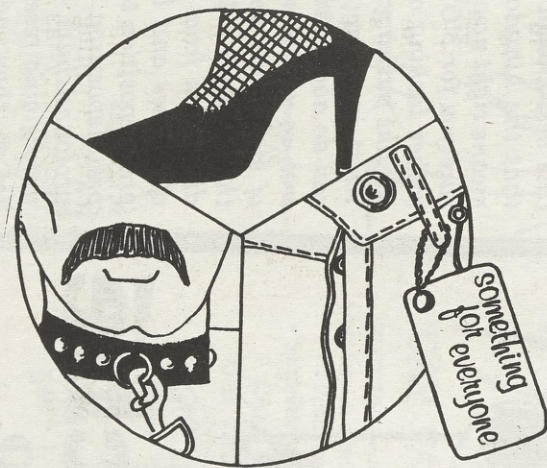
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by Guru Yhohrundi

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Dear Guru: A dear friend [not my lover] just died of the big "C" and another of the big "A." What in the hell is God doing all this time? I don't believe there is such a thing. I'm getting to think Man made God in his own image, instead of God made Man in his own image.--L.R., Winnipeg, Alberta, Canada.

Dear L.R.: Thanks for writing to me all the way from Winnipeg. I rejoice in being read that far away! I presume by the big C and the big A you mean cancer and AIDS. Don't give up on God and God won't give up on you. You have to understand that the Supreme Being (called God in your culture) really does know and see all, and the minute you decide to dedicate yourself to something, He/She/It will not only tell you what your correct action should be, but will also put other things/people in your path to help you along. Man was not made to mourn, as some writers would have you believe, but to be joyful both here and in the afterlife. The Great Jesus of Nazareth (the best-known prophet in your culture) stated that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. That means right now. There are those who would censure you for NOT looking at unhappy things but rather looking at happy things; and they'll say it's like pushing your head in the sand. But I say: What is wrong with that? There's nothing you can do about things over which you have no control, so why even look at them? From your point of view, you don't know what was going on in these people's lives who passed on to another dimension from "Big A" and "Big C." Regardless of viruses and bacteria, some people have more pre-disposition to severe diseases than others. The pre-disposition comes into their being through profound hurt, unbearable grief, deep, lasting, unforgiving resentment and hatred. If they could let go, they could let God take over, and it is amazing what miracles can be wrought.

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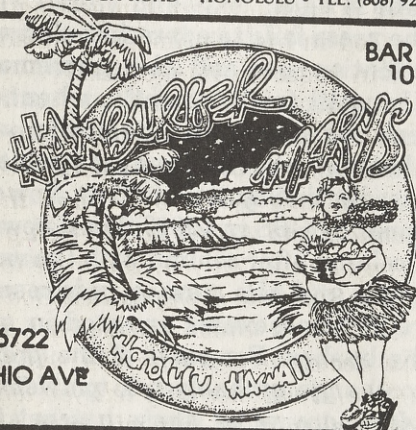
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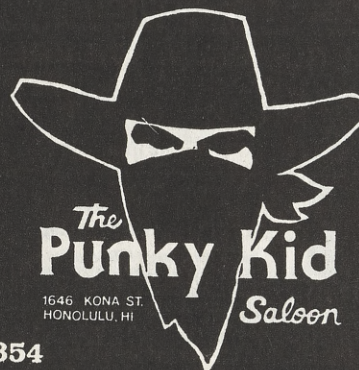
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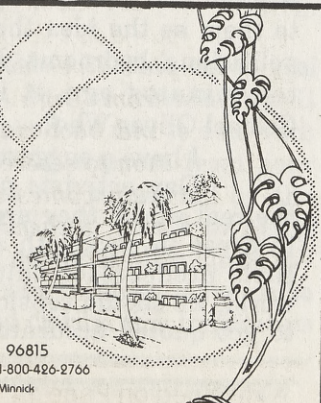
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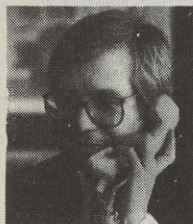
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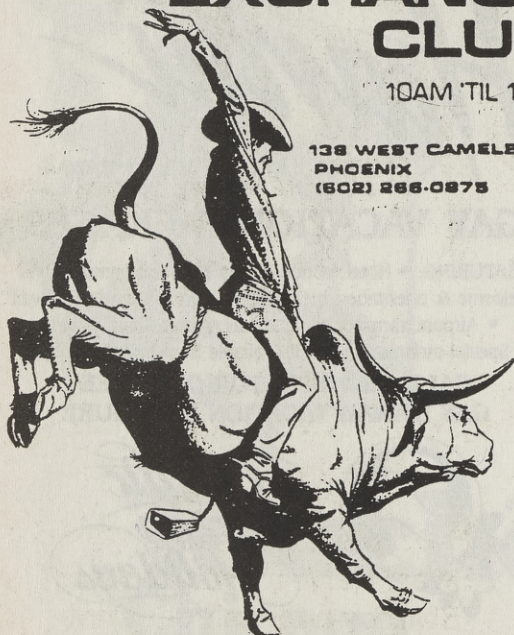
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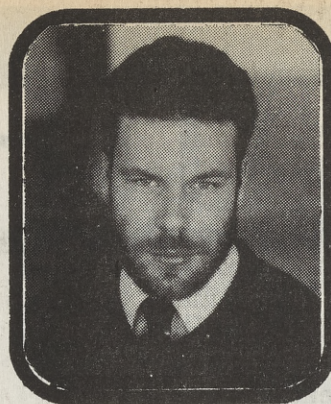
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In My Opinion

By Mel Dahl



When there is a difference of opinion, there is frequently a certain amount of truth on both sides, and a certain amount of error on both sides.

(Except, of course, for my opinions, which are oracles of truth.) There is a difference of opinion between the mainline press and gay activists as to whether we are fairly represented in the mainstream press. The press asserts that it does a wonderful job of representing us and our interests; gay activists say yellow journalism lives. So who is right?

The press fails to appreciate that we have a better attention span and a longer memory than it does. Up until fairly recently, whenever gay people were talked about in the media, we could expect a hatchet job. (Does anyone remember a ghastly production entitled "Gay Power, Gay Politics" aired by CBS in 1980?) Local newspapers would fill column after column with the ravings of homophobes and the names, addresses and employers of homosexuals arrested in gay bars and in the bushes. For most of the press, that started to change probably ten to twenty years ago, but for many of us, those hatchet jobs are still a living memory. Thus, at least unconsciously, our attitudes toward the press tend to be colored by a predisposition to believe that they are still out to get us.

Times have changed. Most of the press is no longer blatantly and avowedly homophobic, although we can all think of examples to the contrary. However, neither has the press become a paradigm of enlightenment on gay issues.

Reporters tend to have short attention spans, and the notion that they should view something in the context of what conditions were like ten and twenty years ago is about as foreign to them as the idea that they should stay out of politicians' bedrooms. If it happened more than ten minutes ago, it is old news. Lieutenant Colonel Oliver Who?

I have a suggestion to make.

Gay activists need to remember that in the real world, they aren't going to get the press to dress in sackcloth and ashes for the sins of their predecessor editors. In fact, in the real world, we should consider ourselves darned lucky to get quoted accurately for a change. So, let's

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RELATIONSHIPS

by D. Preston Dillon

You love somebody? You want to give them hearts and flowers? Well, hold on there! The media has done a great job at becoming our constant reminder of when, how, and for whom we should show love. But all this fanfare either makes the truth more meaningful or cover ups the lies. If, afterward, it's back to the same old chaos, then we have to do some work before we kiss and live happily ever after.

The relationships we enter are usually a blessing--sometimes in disguise. The problem with living with someone you love without destroying them or yourself or the relationship in the process rests on two main points. The first is that we are unconscious of much of who we are. You may join with someone for reasons for which you are totally unaware! Some of these reasons are worse or better than the reasons you tell yourself (or them), but the reasons will always be more than you think. This makes for many surprises and complex situations. We don't discover these things until a conflict arises and communication puts the pieces together. Some of the reasons we join with a person remain unconscious . . . a mystery.

The second point is that the two people who become a couple are bound to continue to grow as individuals. This is a most unpredictable process. The unfolding of personal goals, new needs, and insights creates chaos or growth in the relationship. There is no set age when change must occur. It will inevitably come for each in their own time. No amount of education, money, career advancement, or connecting with the 'right' people will stop this personal evolution. The inner clock is set. Once the individual enters a relationship, the growth process may be supported or stifled, but it will certainly become more intense.

Put these two points together: (1) You don't really know why you are with this person (there are probably several good reasons), and (2) you must continue to change as an individual. There are the makings of a precarious, challenging, provocative situation.

Making the best of this situation takes real effort in communication and understanding. It takes courage to be independent and to deal with change, and it takes loving support from your partner. When change is not supported by the relationship, or the individual wants to resist change and stay with old patterns, then chaos follows. Lies, control, and power plays move in to replace trust, honesty, and clarity. It is imperative

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that we break the myths that destroy communication, block understanding, and sabotage love. Here are some of those myths.

Myth #1--External criteria ("I'm impressed" syndrome). One myth is that the person you select will make life better for you, especially if he or she meets some external criteria. But this does not account for all the unseen, unknown aspects of the inner self. So, part of the challenge here is to honor the whole person as he or she evolves. It is best to start out liking this person for who they are . . . look behind the trimmings but don't be too judgmental. Too much emphasis of the material "show case" is itself a form of deception--to yourself and the other.

Myth #2--Love is scarce! ("I can control you if I control who you see, who you talk to, and whom you get strokes from.") This myth is based on an oppressive lesson we learn early in childhood; love is scarce and we'd better learn how to manipulate others to survive. This is a lie. The rules to this game are: starve everyone else, get as much love as you can, and set up power plays that destroy genuine love. These rules require that you:

1. Don't ask for affection or attention or tell others why you need (because you will be rejected, manipulated, controlled, put down, burned, hurt, look needy, inadequate, or regret it).

2. Get attention through manipulation and negative games (there is little honesty, you must be in control, no one will give you love freely, grab what you can, everyone is out for themselves, and no one cares).

3. Don't give love (or you will be misinterpreted, rejected, manipulated, controlled, put down, burned, hurt, regret it).

4. Take what you can get even if you don't like it--that is what you deserve.

5. Trash others (subtly or directly) so you can look good. This one gives you guilt-free righteousness--no one feels good for long. It sets up the next manipulative, controlling power play.

Lies are a primary source for sabotaging love; they kill trust and diminish security. Lies come in a variety of packages. They are usually based on the fact that one person lacks information. This information is critical for their understanding of reality and their ability to respond to make good decisions for themselves. Lies of omission, half-truths, gossip, and secrets eat away at trust. Lies diminish the partner's ability to understand what is real and produce feelings of scarcity, manipulation, and control. All lies are based on the erroneous belief that we have to be control to get

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what we want and we'd better hide what this is.

Myth #4--"Sacred Promise" (So, will you be my Valentine? Wear my ring? Embrace and protect my heart?) Our last myth rests on the belief that just having a ceremony--a promise--to bind the couple will alter the depth of commitment. The ritual may enhance the relationship, but it will not change internal psychic states, co-dependent habits, confusion, low self esteem, insecurity, addictions, or loyalty and trustworthiness. Ceremony only blesses the truth.

Since we are unconscious of much of who we are, and we have joined with someone for reasons for which we are somewhat unaware, and some of these reasons are worse or better than the reasons we tell ourselves (or them) and we must continue to change as individuals--we have a lot to do to keep things clear and loving.

Some things to consider giving on certain occasions may actually deepen the love you have for each other. How about if you told your lover: I won't lie to you any more; I won't allow others to break up our commitment; I trust you; I want to be more attentive to you; I care about how you feel; How can I be more loving with you?; I want to listen to you more often; I want to spend more quality time with you; Let's put more play into our lives; I want to support your life changes; I want to be loving and tender with you every day; or I want to care for you and myself in a more balanced way. None of these have calories, will die in water, or get thrown away. They are sacred promises to keep you love alive.

Dear Editor . . .

Hi! I'm a latina lesbian and I used to live in Chicago. Just recently I moved to Arizona.

I want to congratulate you because you are one of the best gay magazines I've read lately. I find that the quality of your articles is excellent and very important . . . because we do need this acknowledgement about who we are and the processes we go through. Having a good time at the bar is great, but things change when we talk about love--or what we *think* of as love.

In your issue of November 1989, there was an article which had a great impact on me: *Relationships* by D. Preston Dillon. I am very interested in getting the first part of it, which appeared in the September 1989 Patlar. Can you tell me how to get this? I'm sending a self-addressed envelope, in case you can send it to me.

Also, I would like personally to write to D. Preston Dillon. May I do so in care of Patlar? His articles are enlightening to me.

I wish your magazine great success, and I hope you'll continue to include articles on lesbian issues.

Thanks for your interest.
Maria Teresa Castro

Dear Maria,

Glad you're enjoying Patlar. We are always happy to forward mail to our writers. And by the time this is in print, your copy of *Relationships* should be on its way.

The Editor and Staff of PATLAR

HORNER'S CORNER

by Lee Horner

[Third in a series of articles about schemes, frauds, and get-rich gimmicks.]

At my monthly poker party, I asked the regulars how many of their great grandfathers worked for themselves. The response was 100%--either farming, store owners, or other types of independent businessmen. Then I asked about how many of their fathers continued the tradition; the percentage dropped to 40%. In other words, 60% of their fathers worked for someone else.

And excluding myself, my poker buddies all work for someone else, either in government service or private industry.

Not a thing in the world wrong with that. But how does one increase his earnings when working for someone else? Ask for a raise? Change departments? Change jobs?

Of course, they asked me the same question--how do I get a raise? Chase more ambulances? Evict more widows and orphans? Go door to door and solicit divorces/bankruptcies? (By now you get the idea about my poker buddies and

how well they respect the legal profession.)

The answer in my case is: Making the most efficient use of my time possible so as to get the most "bang for the buck," as it were. We all have only 24 hours a day. And once lost, time can never be regained. So what's the answer? Lottery? Horses? Las Vegas? (I vote for the latter, but let's be practical--one doesn't increase one's income by taking one's paycheck to the roulette table and betting it all on "red.")

Enter the pyramid. A pyramid scheme as it is defined in most states pertains to a program by which you pay money to someone to be given the right to recruit others, and when you get them in, you get an immediate payment just for having gotten them in.

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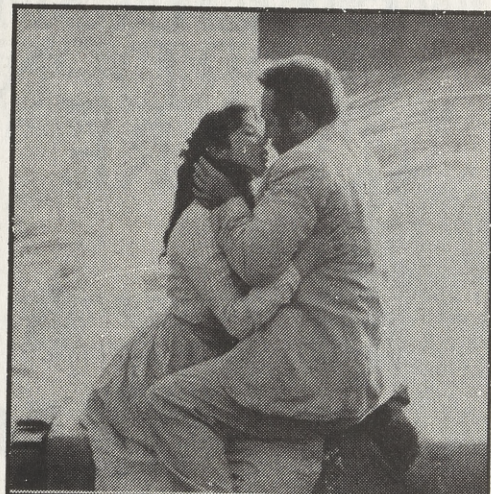
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In any event, virtually every state has outlawed this inventory load-up pyramid since the only ones who benefit are the upper-level manufacturers and distributors. Wholesale-buying organizations on a multi-level basis are also outlawed.

But are there legitimate multi-level organizations? If so, are there legitimate opportunities for extra part-time income? Can you make any money doing this? How much up-front capital is needed, generally speaking?

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look at the real world: where exactly do we stand in terms of what we can expect from the mainline press?

First of all, our news stories are actually making news, and that is an improvement. When we do something that is newsworthy, it makes the papers—on page 52. It generally has enough accurate reporting that the discriminating reader can read between the lines and figure out what actually happened. But, this *is* progress.

Editorially, most of the press has stopped siding with the Falwellites, at least overtly. Small town newspapers will still declare that we are all of the devil, but most large papers, as well as network news, have become either quietly sympathetic or neutral on gay issues. This, again, is an improvement.

We need to assume editors and reporters are honorable individuals who mean it when they say they try to be fair. Take every opportunity to educate, let them know when they screw up (and when they do something right) but remember that one attracts more flies with sugar than my sister's iced tea.

No, there isn't a lot of over bias left, but editors and reporters are human, and no matter how enlightened one is or tries to be, it is difficult to

Mel Dahl

eradicate at the subconscious level bigotry which has been implanted by one's culture. For example, how many white liberals, who at the conscious level are committed to ending racism, still catch racist thoughts and emotions inside themselves? Old habits are hard to break.

The old overt bigotry has been replaced with something just as bad: insensitivity. I don't think many editors get up in the morning and say, "Gee, how can I embarrass the homos today?" What happens, rather, is that gay news tends to be seen through non-gay eyes. I believe there is a fundamental difference between the way gay people view the world, and the way non-gay people view the world. I know that is a generalization with lots of exceptions (my May column will explore that topic in depth) but generally I think that is true. So what happens is a cultural gap: they see us a too demanding and nitpicky, we see them as having all the sensitivity of a bull in a china shop, and there are hard feelings on both sides.

So, on the one hand, our demands must be realistic, but the press must be willing to listen. Hiring openly gay reporters and editors would help, but we can do a lot by learning to be assertive and gentle at the same time.



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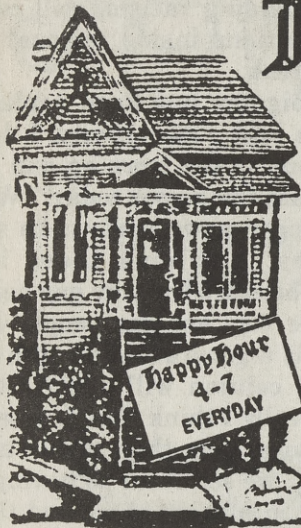
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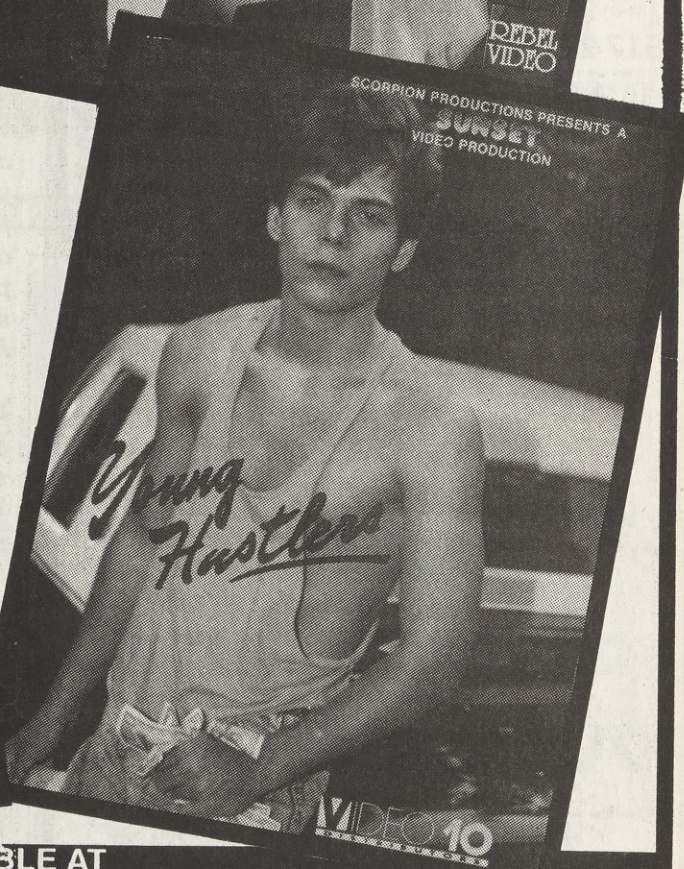
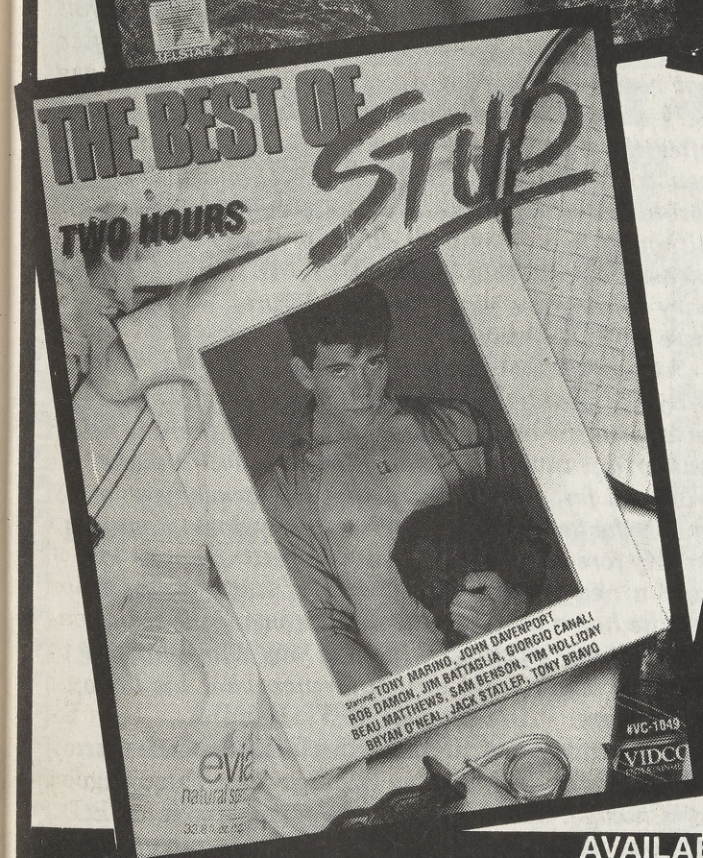
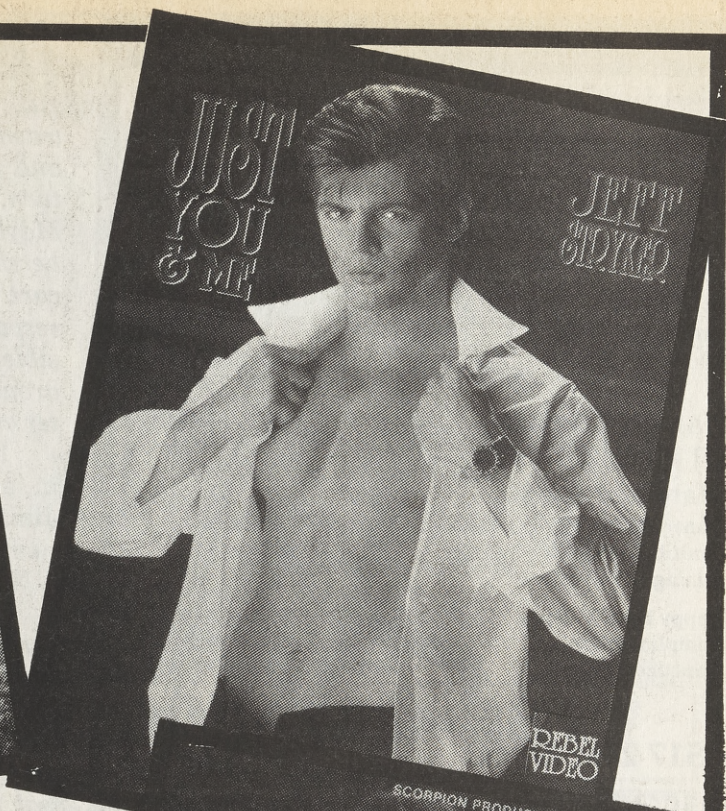
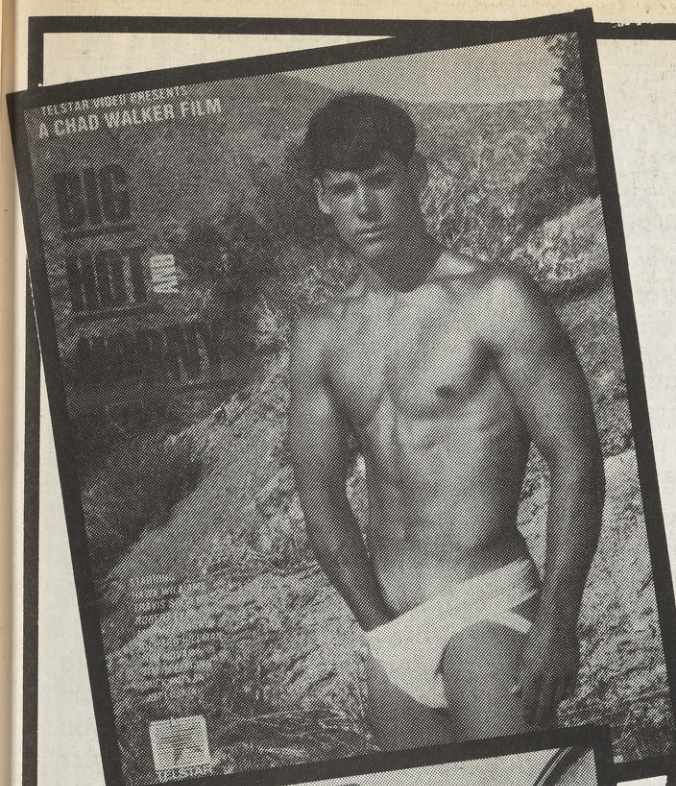
Dear Guru: I had this dream, you see, and I dreamed I was dead, and was sitting in a classroom waiting for several teachers and the principal to decide which place I would be sent to. The faces kept changing to various teachers I've had over the years. Then, just before I woke, I saw this big, luminous UFO (flying saucer) which swept down and engulfed me in light which I had a knowingness was the most love I'd ever seen in one place. What does all this mean?--S.T., San Francisco, CA.

Dear S.T.: Seeing the teachers' faces change whilst they were trying to decide you "fate" seems to indicate that you should look at your life and decide which things you ought to change before you leave this dimension. Don't wait 'til you get to the "airport" before you decide which flight you want. Don't wait until you're shuffling off this mortal coil before deciding what you want to change to make yourself happy. The second part about the love means your fear of love keeps you from having it when you so much desire it. After you cast out your fear of love you will surely have it. I see you finding the love of your dreams late spring or early summer.

Dear Guru: I've got three kids, all grown. I raised them myself. Their mother dumped them on me, collected alimony and galavanted all around the country with first one man then another until she finally did herself in with booze and drugs. I had to come to her rescue a couple of times, for God knows she never had sense enough to take care of herself. What else can one do? You have to be humane. Now, my one son is sort of following her footsteps. I've bailed him out of jail and bailed him out of his financial troubles. My two daughters married jerks who won't even help them earn the family income and take care of their kids. Last week my sister's son whose father volunteered to fly jet fighters in the Korean conflict and got shot down--well, my nephew came to me for help and I gave him almost all my savings. Will you get in touch with God and have Him fix the lottery or something for me so I can get my daughters some decent housing and hire a good attorney to keep my son from going to jail?--B.D., Rochester, NY.

Dear B.D.: You're not going to like this. What does B.D. stand for? Big Dummy? Best Dope? Bollixed Drip? These people have taken advantage of you, and are still doing so. You're like Rose, the mother, in "Gypsy," the musical about the mother who pushed and pushed to get her

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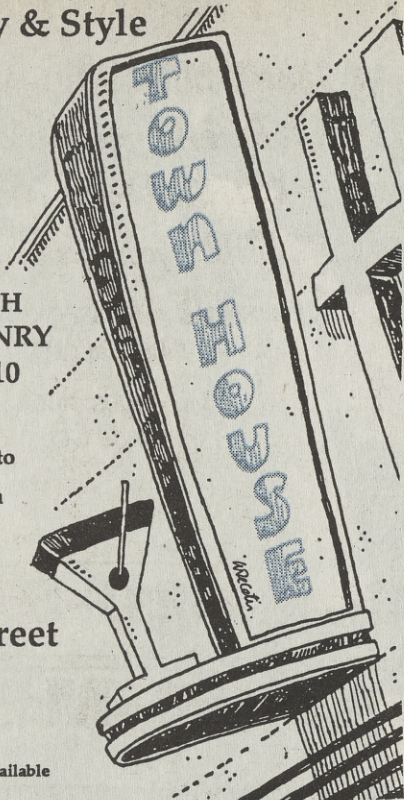
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girls into the big time on stage. Finally, when it wasn't going so well, she had the guts to stand up and sing: "Now It's Rose's Turn!" Now it's your turn, fellow. You think I have a direct line to God? Maybe I do. Anyway, the Supreme Being and I hereby give you permission to stop trying to take care of everybody and do for yourself. You're not responsible for all these people. They are responsible for themselves. Next time one of them comes around again, just say NO. They'll treat you better and you won't lose their love.

Dear Guru: I have three guys I'm interested in, and who are interested in me: Billy, R.J., and Jim. I am being pressured to get into a permanent relationship. Which one should I choose?--L.N., Seattle, WA.

Dear L.N.: Oh, what a whirlwind you've been through! Three suitors! Lucky you! A real dream-having three men vying for your attentions. Yo u will have to make your own decision on this one. Only you should decide how your future life will be. I have an impression that you are fickle and not really looking for a permanent relationship. Very strange. Most women want this (three men after them and a permanent tie). Did you think you could fool the Guru? This column does not forbid, nor find unwelcome, letters from women, although is primarily directed to gay men, but please indicate this in your letter. It is not necessary to disguise your identity. What I'm getting here is: "L.N." stands for "Ellen."

Confidential to S.M.--Hollywood, CA:

Why not change your name if you feel uncomfortable with the one you have? So long as there is no subterfuge involved, what difference will it make? Will you feel better? If it will make a new you, so much the better. Don't bank on that alone, however. My forecast for you? I see you getting a new job and a new mate. Watch for a guy like yourself, but he has a lot of pimples. Just one of the things you'll have to put up with, but you'll love him so much it won't make any difference what his little defects are.

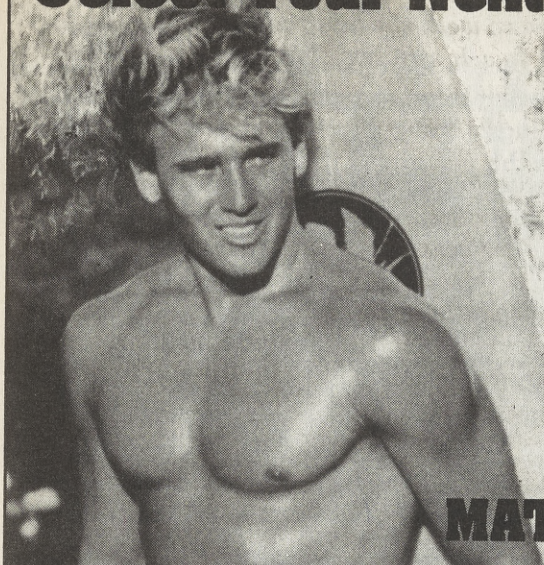
Confidential to F.M.--Little Rock, AR:

Get out of Little Rock and go either to San Francisco or Chicago. You'll be much happier. If you want to lose weight, try wearing the color purple or lavender. When you've had a bad day, take a warm shower. I see a new lover coming into your life no later than August. He will share your shower.

Confidential to T.R.--Phoenix, AZ:

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benevolent force that somehow moves through things--you may call it God, or evolution, or simply "chance"; it matters not what you name you give it. But such a force does exist, and you can come to awareness or recognition of it only after you are willing to "take a look" and see if you can begin to see the pattern or design moving behind those many things of your life.

The recognition of that force has come clearer and clearer for me as I have worked my way through--among other things--**A Course in Miracles**. The inspired communication with PEDLA, the wonderful spirit guide who speaks through my friend Kevin Cook, has also allowed me to open and recognize that there is more at work in all of this ". . . than ever dreamed of in your philosophy, Horatio." There is much more. And, there is more than just this earth-plane existence, as well.

For me, it has been profoundly helpful--starting as a determined atheist at age 20--to move to the realization, as this column is titled, that "there is MORE!" And, that "more" includes other realms and dimensions, other lives and lifetimes, and--surely--a life beyond this life, as well as something for a lack of a better term called God.

With all of that increasingly clear to me, the process of growing older surely has meant "getting better!" I know that I will do what I can in this lifetime to make the planet a better place, to love to the very best of my ability, and to celebrate being alive and being human and being gay.

[Ralph H. Walker is founder of The Loving Brotherhood and The ALL NEW YOU Experience. He welcomes your comments and questions and will gladly provide more information or resource leads for any of the things mentioned in his columns. Write him at PO Box 556P, Sussex, NJ 07461.]

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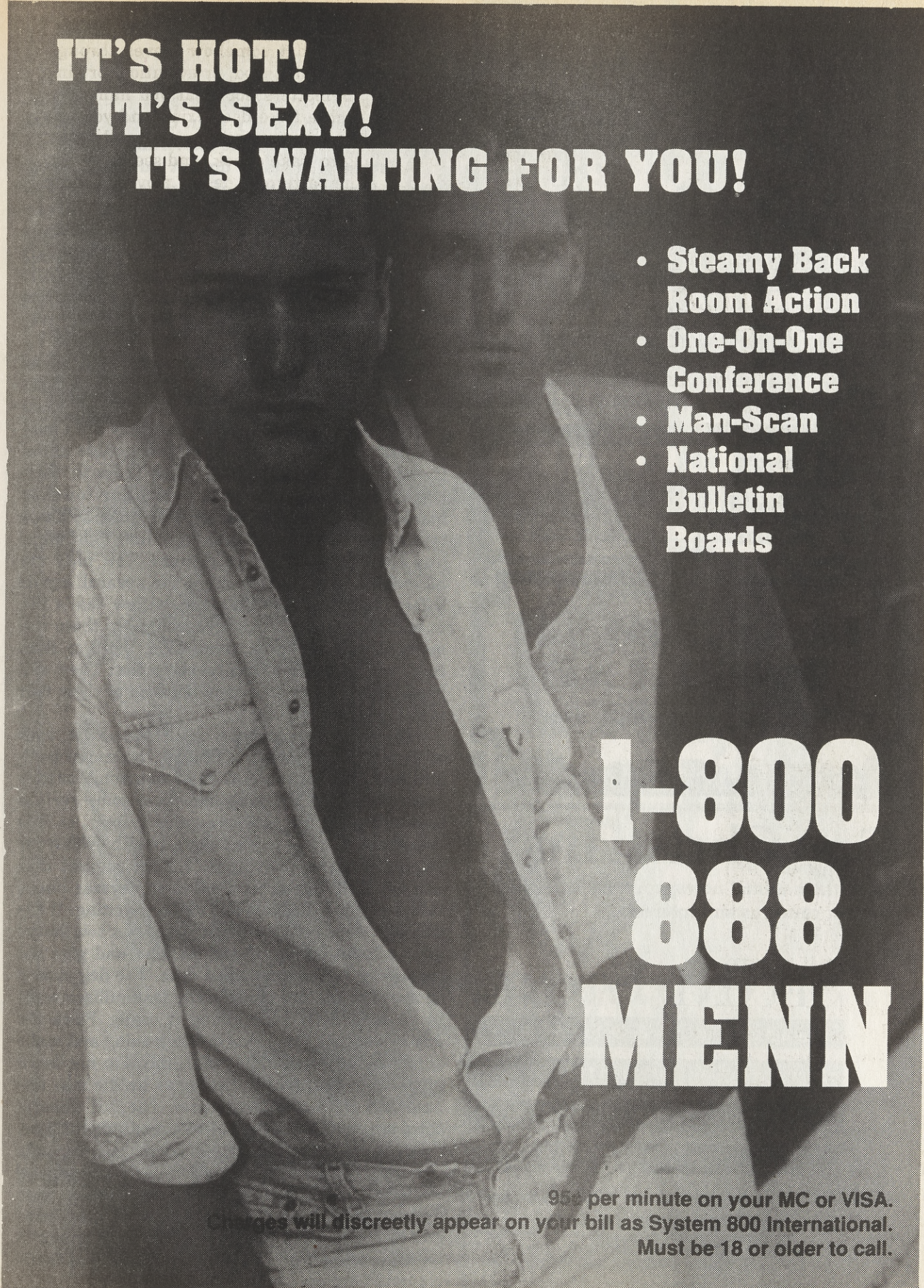
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Dear Eddie, I've got these twofriends who are lovers. I also have a jaccuzzi. I don't know these guys very well, but I'd like to get to know them better. My problem is: Both of these guys have come on to me when we've been alone together. If I invite them over to dinner, how do I avoid hanky-panky in the jaccuzzi? I'm afraid that if I tell them both up front, they'll think I'm someone with all the fantasies! Yours . . . Dwight

Dear Dwight, A casual mention up front that the host will not be on the hors d'oeuvre tray will ease tension all around.



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"Ask the Vet"

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Question: My dog goes berserk with the fireworks on holidays every year. Should I give her tranquilizers so she will be comfortable?

Answer: I usually do not advocate using unnecessary medications if there is some way of assuring that your pet will be safe with their reaction to fireworks. If you have an exceptionally nervous dog or cat that you know reacts severely to fireworks, there are some things you can do to try to make them feel safe and comfortable during Fourth of July, Halloween, or New Year's noisy celebrations.

Ideally, it would be good for you to be home all day to monitor the pet as well as to comfort them. If you have plans to go out for the evening, place them in a secure, small room that they are familiar with and that is not full of destructible items. If the pet is crate trained, place them in their crate (airline carrier) with a familiar towel or blanket. Keep a radio playing with quiet soothing music. In addition, try keeping a dim light on so any flashes don't startle them. You may try putting the pet in this room for several nights before July Fourth, Halloween, or New Year's Eve to get them used to the area, and help them feel more secure. However, some dogs, more so than cats, will become so destructive that they will break down doors to escape because of their fear of the noise and lights.

If you know your dog will throw a fit, visit with your veterinarian to discuss the use of tranquilizers. The tranquilizer most commonly used is acepromazine. This drug can have some serious side effects on the cardiovascular system, so it is important to review your dog's health with your vet before administering it. I often suggest that you try half the prescribed dose several hours before you are due to leave for the evening. If the dog still seems nervous and anxious two hours after administering, then go ahead and give the remainder of the prescribed dose. The dog should be showing the full effect of the tranquilizer within an hour after your giving it orally. Place the dog in a secure safe place before leaving and make sure he/she is resting comfortably. Do not leave any food or water with the dog as he/she may feel nauseous from the tranquilizer. The full effect of the drug should wear off within about eight hours.

It is important to consider your pet throughout such holidays because of the excitement and fireworks. Most cats are less destructive than dogs and will be fine if placed in a safe, enclosed environment. They are more difficult to tranquilize and have a wider array of side effects to many tranquilizers used today.



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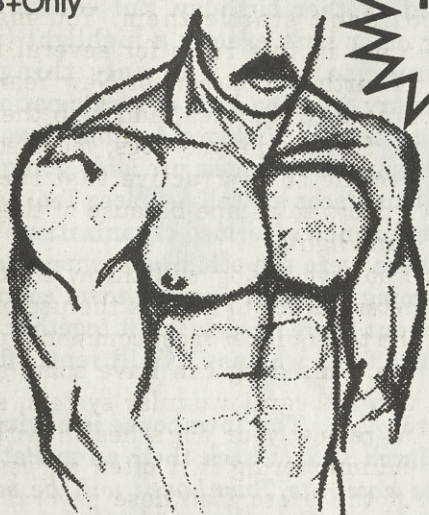
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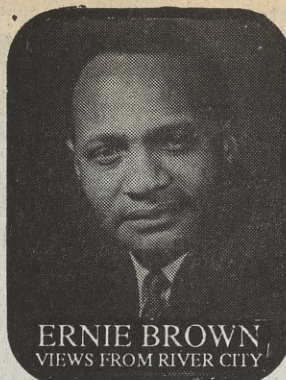
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VIEWS FROM RIVER CITY

I must admit, I hate to let go of the month of February. It was great. It only had 28 days, but they were fully-packed days. Nevertheless, time moves on . . . Special thanks should go to Joseph's Town & Country for bringing that wonderful entertainer, Michael Greer, to Sacramento for three days of fun, frolic, and delightful entertainment. He was as good as ever—maybe even better . . . Mudd's second production of *Not Necessarily the News* at the Merc was once again

successful . . . The Emperor and Empress Ball in San Francisco will never be surpassed. Also, the *Men Behind Bars* in San Francisco was a highly polished production, strictly Broadway material . . . Congratulations to Emperor Jerry Coletti and Empress Pat Montclair for a job well done . . . How about this: Sacramento's own Hal (also known as Vanna What?) was a contestant on the *Wheel of Fortune* game show and won \$1,850! Guess what he is doing with the money. He is asking you, the public, to match his winnings. Then, he'll donate the entire sum to AIDS CLIENT SERVICES. So when he confronts you for a donation, please be generous. It's for a great cause. **Nice going Vanna** . . . Oh yes, and there was another important event in February. Yours Truly had another birthday. But enough about that. Being another year older isn't exactly a highlight (unless you're a teenager, I suppose) . . . The only thing that DISTURBED me in February was the lack of participation and attendance in the newly organized "Violence Against Gays Town Council." This is a very serious issue that is probably going to get worse. Terry Sidee (who owns Faces as well as Faces Too) was the only bar owner present at this newly formed organization. Which prompts the question: Where were the other bar owners or their representatives? This is going to be an ongoing town council, so the rest of you bar owners out there need to get it together. We're talking about protecting the folks who pay YOUR rent, after all. So help protect them!

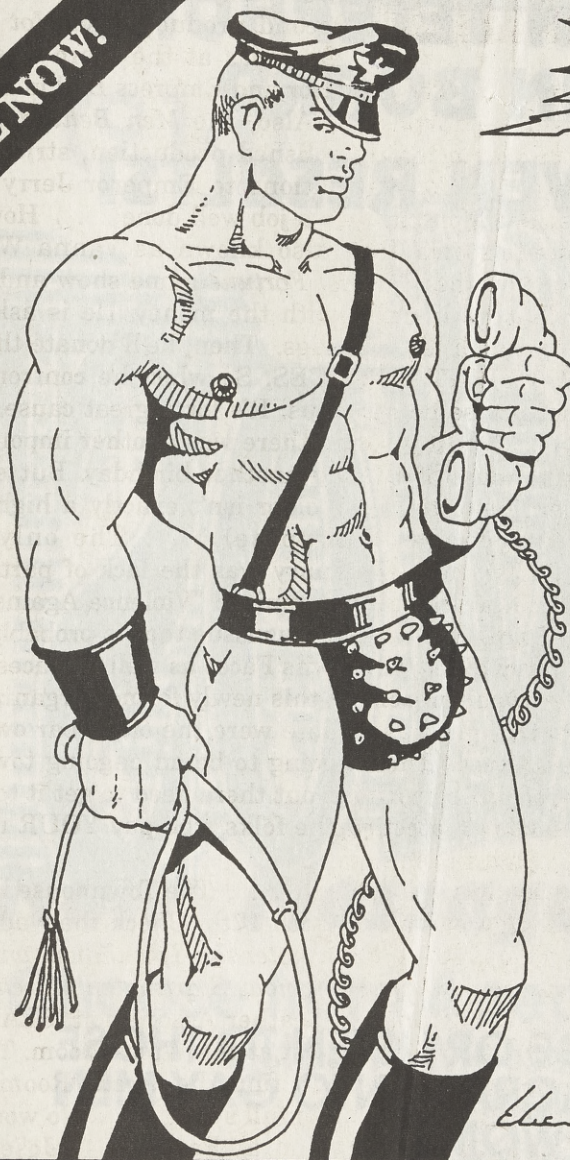
Coming up in March . . . The Townhouse is having a St. Patrick's Day party on March 17th. Check their ad in Patlar for dance, times, etc.) *Please note: the Townhouse will be serving dinners seven nights a week now. Starting on March 1st* . . . On March 16th, Sacramento Leather Association (SLA) will sponsor a Daddy/Daddy's Boy contest at the Wreck Room. Then, the very next day, March 17th, will find the Wreck Room's annual St. Patrick Day's Celebration in full swing . . . No word as of yet on plans for holiday goings on at Faces . . . Joseph's Town & Country is still putting on those beautiful Sunday brunches and dinners. Be sure to check them out . . . Listen up all you Pisceans. We are going to have our annual Pisces party at the Merc. Monday March 12th starting at 4 p.m. If you are lucky enough to be a Pisces, stop by the bar and register with me, Ernie Brown. This is going to be a - ahem - big one. And remember, it's all potluck so bring something to share and JOIN US!

To all my loyal readers in Hawaii—my favorite Fiftieth State—and especially the Empress, it was good to see you in San Francisco during the coronation. And I'm sure I'll be seeing you again soon.

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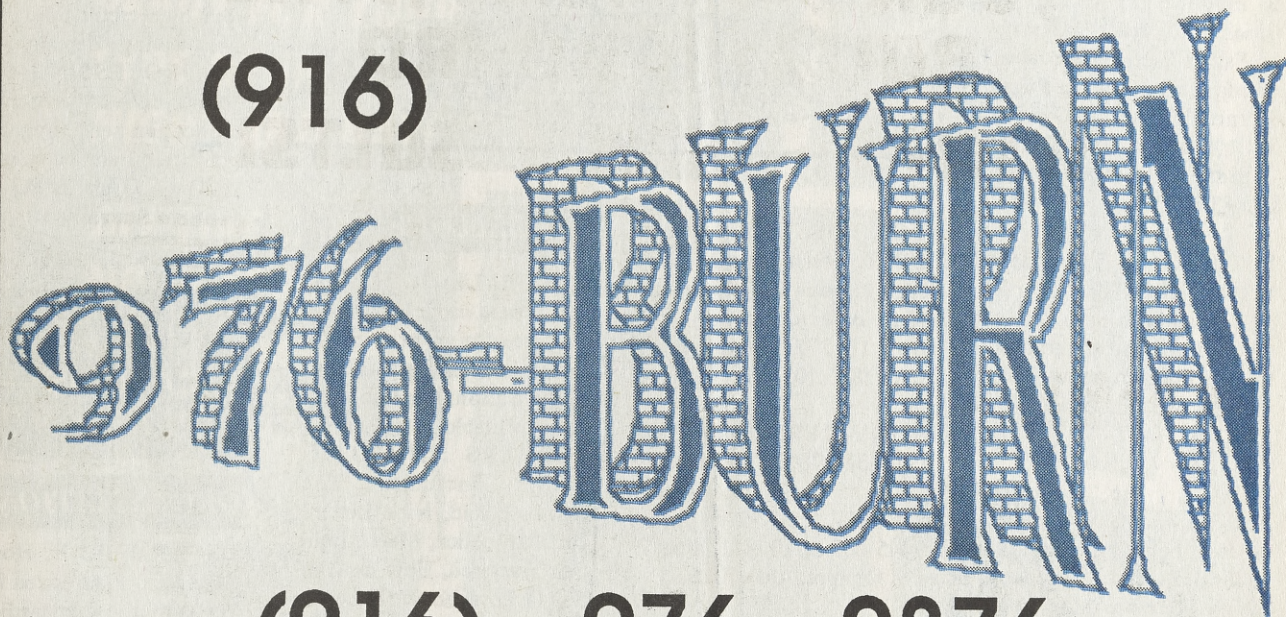
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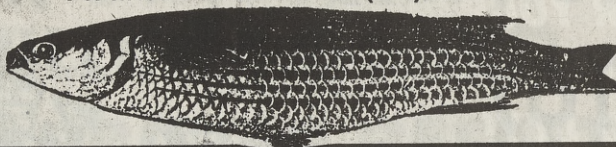
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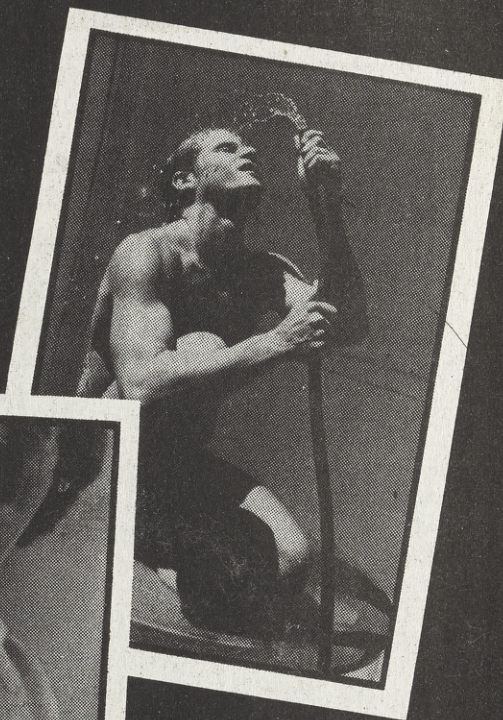
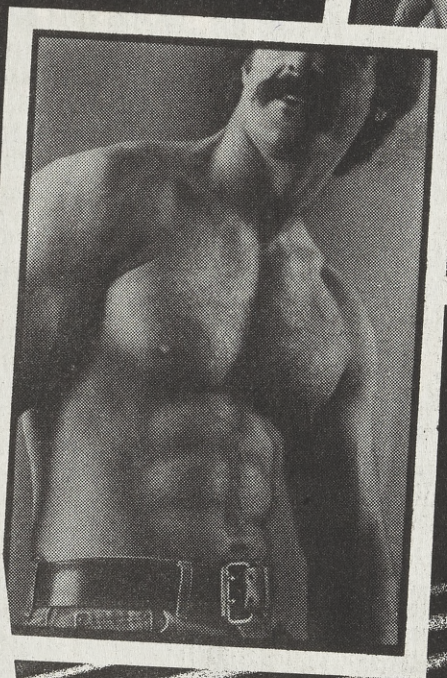
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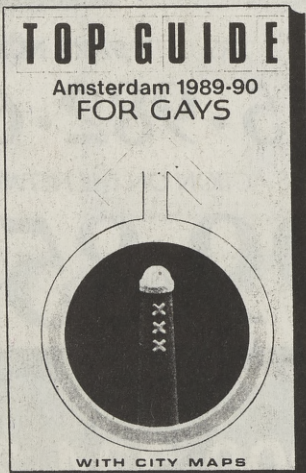
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